

10/29/2019

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RE: PDC Case Number 59299

Dear Tabatha,

We are in receipt of your email dated 10/29/2019, Re: PDC - No to Camas Pool Bond: Alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.205, .235 & .240 for failure to register as a political committee and timely & accurately report contributions & expenditures. (EY '19; Oct '19).

No To Camas Pool Bond is actually the url of our website *NoToCamasPoolBond.com*, which is produced, managed, and paid for by our registered Washington PAC, **Camas Taxpayers Alliance**, Robert S. Hogg, Treasurer. All political donations and expenditures for this website and its associated marketing / advertising have been collected and paid for through Camas Taxpayers Alliance, and has been done legally and in compliance with all Washington State laws.

The Camas Taxpayers Alliance campaign selected the mini-reporting option. Campaigns that select the mini-reporting option on the campaign registration are exempted from filing campaign finance reports (C-3 and C-4) provided the campaign does not exceed the total contribution and expenditure limits found in WAC 390-16-105(1).

In the complaint description, Doug Speas alleges "I believe the "No to Camas Pool Bond" campaign has spent more than \$5000 on their signs and are not maintaining accurate records of where their donations are coming from. They have held multiple sign pick-up events and are asking people to pay \$3.00 for each sign they take.

These allegations are patently false and completely frivolous.

To date, Camas Taxpayers Alliance has spent a total of \$3866.96, and collected \$4995.91. We have attached a copy of our financial statements below for your review. Additional supporting bank statements from our account at IQ Credit Union are available if needed. We knew we were approaching the \$5000

limit about two weeks ago, so we stopped collecting donations at that time. We actually had to return two checks to donors because accepting them would have put us over the limit. These limits and our proximity to them were in complete focus during the entire 6 weeks of this campaign.

We have been maintaining accurate records since the first day we began. We have made copies of every check donated to Camas Taxpayers Alliance, and although our mini-reporting status does not require it, we have accounted for all monies as if we were a full- reporting PAC. Every check, every event donation jar, every transaction. We will file our end of campaign report as required by the PDC as soon as the election is over.

Oddly, the Complainant Doug Speas (also the chair of the opposing campaign), has never requested to inspect our books, which have been available for public inspection in compliance with law. Not a phone call, a single email, or any correspondence to actually verify his baseless claims in the Complaint.

Our sign pickup events have included hundreds of neighbors coming to my house to pick up campaign yard signs. We have placed a donation jar at each of these events, but in no way require people to donate. Many have, many have not. We explained to everyone that all donations went back into ordering more signs, which is exactly what we did.

Also in the Complaint, Speas alleges, "They are also promoting online that they will share an image to let others make signs for themselves. They are also promoting on their sign that the pool costs \$78 million which is false."

This too, is patently false and frivolous.

All of our signs are posted on our website and Facebook page. We hope that citizens will share all of the information we distribute with as many people as possible. If citizens want to make a sign for themselves based on pictures we have shared, that is completely outside the control of our PAC.

Speas has been angered from the start that we have called Prop 2 "The \$78 Million Pool Bond". They never wanted people to actually know the cost, and were happy to hide behind "Proposition 2" or "Community Aquatic Center" to deflect attention from the real numbers. Our signs are promoting awareness for Proposition 2, by calling it what it is. A \$78M Pool Bond. Both the number \$78 MILLION, and the word POOL are both found in the ACTUAL LANGUAGE on the ballot.

Our use of those terms on our signs is accurate and completely legal.

Mr. Speas has been running a scorched earth campaign of dirty tricks and online harassment against opponents of Prop 2 since the beginning. His position as Chair for Washington PAC *Yes For Camas*

Community, and leader of the Yes campaign on Prop 2, makes his frivolous and dishonest claims here even more specious. He has been banned from our neighborhood NextDoor social media platform for this same type of behavior, and now attempts to waste the valuable resources of the PDC to continue his personal attacks. We hope that the Commission will see through this total facade, and dismiss these claims as unfounded and reckless.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Camas Taxpayers Alliance Financial Statement (Detail)

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Accrual Basis

**Camas Taxpayers Alliance
Profit & Loss Detail
January 1 through October 29, 2019**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Amount	Balance
Income							
Donations							
Deposit	10/01/2019		Cash			313.91	313.91
Deposit	10/01/2019	3015	Stanley Cody	Stanley Cody		35.00	348.91
Deposit	10/01/2019	3852	Scott Culbertson	Scott Culbertson		35.00	383.91
Deposit	10/01/2019	3527	Edward Martin	Edward Martin		500.00	883.91
Deposit	10/01/2019	6196	Douglas Tweet	Douglas Tweet		175.00	1,058.91
Deposit	10/04/2019		Cash	Deposit		843.00	1,901.91
Deposit	10/04/2019	08140	Cascade Athletic Club Fisher's L...	Cascade Athletic Club Fishe...		500.00	2,401.91
Deposit	10/04/2019	08220	Cascade Athletic Club Gresham	Cascade Athletic Club Gresh...		500.00	2,901.91
Deposit	10/04/2019	4348	Peg Leland	Peg Leland		90.00	2,991.91
Deposit	10/04/2019	131	Brad Jensen MD	Brad Jensen MD		400.00	3,391.91
Deposit	10/04/2019	880	Ronald Brown	3119 NW 20th Ave Camas, ...		100.00	3,491.91
Deposit	10/04/2019	868	Cyrus H Kelly, JR.	3114 NW 30th Circle Camas...		100.00	3,591.91
Deposit	10/04/2019		Cash	Deposit		344.00	3,935.91
Deposit	10/15/2019	5323	Richard Robertson	P.O. Box 208 Washougal, W...		500.00	4,435.91
Deposit	10/15/2019	4138	Lloyd Travis	2725 NW 12th Ave Camas, ...		500.00	4,935.91
Deposit	10/22/2019			Cash		60.00	4,995.91
Total Donations						4,995.91	4,995.91
Total Income						4,995.91	4,995.91
Gross Profit						4,995.91	4,995.91
Expense							
Advertising & Marketing							
Check	09/13/2019		UZ Marketing	Campaign Signs		241.94	241.94
Check	09/23/2019		UZ Marketing	Campaign Signs		241.94	483.88
Check	09/25/2019		UZ Marketing	Campaign Signs		241.94	725.82
Check	09/30/2019		UZ Marketing	Campaign Signs & Flyers		787.64	1,513.46
Check	10/07/2019		Officemax	Info Sheets		50.72	1,564.18
Check	10/08/2019		UZ Marketing	Campaign Signs		789.76	2,353.94
Check	10/14/2019		The Columbian	Newspaper ad		292.97	2,646.91
Check	10/14/2019		The Columbian	Newspaper Ad		292.97	2,939.88
Check	10/14/2019		The Columbian	Newspaper Ad		292.97	3,232.85
Check	10/15/2019		UZ Marketing	Campaign Signs		532.51	3,765.36
Total Advertising & Marketing						3,765.36	3,765.36
Computer & Internet Fees							
Check	09/14/2019		Go Daddy	web address		5.60	5.60
Check	09/17/2019		Wix.com	web site		22.00	27.60
Check	09/17/2019		Wix.com	Web site		22.00	49.60
Check	09/25/2019		Termly	web site terms of service		18.00	67.60
Check	09/29/2019		Wix.com	Web Site		12.00	79.60
Check	10/17/2019		Wix.com	Web Site		22.00	101.60
Total Computer & Internet Fees						101.60	101.60
Total Expense						3,866.96	3,866.96
Net Income						1,128.95	1,128.95